

REMARKS

In response to the requirement for an election of species, applicants select species I with traverse. Claims 1 and 4-7 are directly readable on this species.

Species I is indicated to be a distinct species because it has a line of ground vias while species II is indicated to be a separate species because it has an array of ground vias. However, the array of ground vias shown in Figs. 4A and 4B includes a line of ground vias. It is therefore respectfully submitted that these two species should not be separated for initial consideration by the Examiner.

Likewise, the species V and VI are indicated to be separate species because they have different dielectric constant portions but what feature or features distinguishes species V from species VI has not been stated. Since the characterization of these two species is the same, they should be considered as a unit.

Applicants acknowledge that upon allowance of a generic claim, consideration of claims to addition species will be in order.

Acknowledgement of the IDS filed with the original application papers is respectfully requested.

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